

19) April 9, 1770 – James “F” was granted 175 acres in Mecklenburgh County. Patent Book 18, #____, p. ____, Abstracts of Land Patents, Vol. 2, Hoffman. Brown Library.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross notes that in 1755 the tax records of Beaufort County show: “Edward, Richard and William Flanagan. Interestingly enough, Edward Flanagan is not listed on either of the extant Beaufort or Pitt County tax lists in the years 1762 and 1764.”⁶

EDWARD FLANAGAN

In regard to the Edward Flanagan found on the tax records of Beaufort County in 1755, the following is found in Pamlico Tracings, Vol. XI, June 1995, No. 1, published in the Beaufort County Genealogical Society Journal, Washington, North Carolina:

(March Court 1759)

“John Anderson comes into court and made oath that Sarah Flannakin, widow of Edward Flannakin decd., said she was willing to relinquish her right of Administration in favor of James Ellison, Esq. – James Ellison, Esq. returned on oath an inventory of the Estate of Edward Flannakin, decd. . . .”

(December Court 1759)

“An account sale of the Estate of Edward Flannakin decd. was exhibited into court and proved by the oath of Richard Flannakin. Ordered to be recorded in the Orphan Book.”

Also, the following from North Carolina Will Abstracts 1720-1868, published by the Beaufort County Genealogical Society, 1990, p. 237:

“Odeon, Elizabeth - - Date 22 April 1770. Probate: none, but will proved by Wytt. Ormond. Cozen: Hannah Smaw. . . . Brother: Anthony Whery; Sister: Mary Mills; Sister: Sarah Flaniken. . . ., etc.”

Sarah is the widow of Edward Flanagan, and Sarah’s maiden name is Whery (Wherry). The date of Edward’s death (1759) fits with him being the father of Edward (Wherry) Flanagan(Sr), and it seems logical that Edward Wherry was given his father’s first name and his mother’s maiden name, thus Edward Wherry Flanagan(Sr).

Also, the date of death of Edward Flanagan (1759) fits with the statement of Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross⁷ that Edward Flanagan is shown on the tax roles in Beaufort

⁶ The Flanagan Family of Pitt County, North Carolina, by Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross, p. 1.